

incentives that might cause the HMO doctors to skimp on patient care. Any incentives that exist between the HMO and the doctor must be disclosed to the patients.

This young girl, Paige Lancaster, waited nearly 5 years for a diagnosis, one might argue, in part, because the wrong incentives existed between an HMO and a doctor. The incentives were about saving money rather than providing quality health care.

We very much hope we can get back to the notion in this country that practicing medicine ought to be done in doctor's offices and hospitals, not in the office of some insurance company accountant 500 or 1,000 miles away. It is our hope that we will be able to bring to the floor of the Senate the Patients' Bill of Rights because we think this country needs it. We hope the Senate can debate it and pass it in the coming weeks.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business not to exceed 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ELIZABETH "BETSY" DOWNS ENGELKEN

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the other day, I had the pleasure of being invited to join my son Ben at the Blessed Sacrament School in Arlington to see my granddaughter participate in one of her first events at that school. I appreciated that opportunity because I had occasion to meet up with a friend, Elizabeth "Betsy" Downs Engelken, who has been a teacher there for some 20 years. We have something in common. She happens to also have a relationship to my granddaughter, because she is the mother of my son's wife, Elizabeth.

As Betsy retires after 20 years, I thought I would come to the floor and talk about this lady who has developed such creative teaching skills and has endless enthusiasm for the children with whom she works. She has a sparkling sense of humor, and it is really a delight to see what she has done working with the Diocese of Arlington for these past 20 years.

While she has been there, Betsy Engelken has developed unique talents to identify students that need special assistance and have learning disabilities. She has been a representative of the teachers on the school board and successfully initiated action to bring about additional recognition for teachers and pay increases.

She has worked on developing new techniques to find ways to bring children into the 21st century. She has brought them awareness of the new kinds of systems that they encounter as they go through school. But above

all, I think she has really had a great impact on the many children she has taught because she has a real commitment to children.

So I want to share with my colleagues the joy I have had recently in terms of being able to participate in this event with my granddaughter Susan. And I also want to congratulate Elizabeth "Betsy" Downs Engelken for her years of commitment to the children of this area.

Thank you, Mr. President. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH of Oregon). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NATIONAL TOBACCO POLICY AND YOUTH SMOKING REDUCTION ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as most Senators are aware, there is a signing ceremony at the White House at 5:30 on the highway transportation bill, so a large number of Senators will be there for that occasion. But we thought it was important we get a vote on the drug-related amendment this afternoon. So we have checked with parties on both sides.

I ask unanimous consent that a vote occur on amendment No. 2451 at 6 p.m. this evening, and immediately following that vote the Senate proceed to vote on the Democratic alternative, with the time between now and 6 o'clock to be equally divided on the issue of drugs.

I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the granting of this consent, the Democratic leader be recognized to offer their alternative, and the Coverdell amendment be temporarily laid aside for that purpose.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators—and I know Senator KERRY will want to comment; but I want to make it clear what we have done here—these two votes will be the two votes that will begin at 6 p.m., with one right behind the one at 6. They will be the last two votes of the evening.

Following those two votes, we will continue to work on a similar agreement, which we have not yet gotten everybody to sign off on, that will provide for votes on the marriage penalty and the self-deductibility of taxes issue by midday on Wednesday. We are working to see if we can get an agreement to have a vote at 1 o'clock, followed by an alternative that the Democrats would offer.

We do have a joint meeting in the morning to hear the President of South Korea at 10 o'clock. So we will not ac-

tually be able to get started on the marriage penalty and its alternative discussion until about 11 o'clock. But Senators will be notified when the second cloture vote will occur and the marriage penalty votes will occur during Wednesday's session of the Senate, we assume shortly after the noon hour; hopefully by 1 or 2 o'clock.

I yield the floor.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. McCain. Mr. President, I want to thank the majority leader for his hard work in putting together this unanimous consent agreement. At the completion of it, we will have made progress on two of the very important key issues associated with this legislation, the drugs and tax cut. I also want to thank him for comity in giving the other side, obviously, an opportunity to propose their amendment. I am very encouraged by this. It seems to me, and the majority leader I hope would agree, that there are a couple of substitutes—attorneys' fees and the agricultural issues—that are the difference between Lugar and the LEAF bill that would keep us from completing action on this legislation.

I want to thank the majority leader, again.

Mr. LOTT. If the Senator would yield, I want to say I have discussed with him today and with others in the Senate and in the administration, the fact of the matter is, we sort of have been locked in this position for a week. The important thing was to try to come to an agreement and get some votes on these important issues. This gets us started in that direction. I think that is important.

Mr. McCain. I think they are two important provisions. Obviously, we have had significant debate on both the issue of drugs and tax cuts. I'm very pleased that we are going to make progress on both of those issues.

I hope the substitutes—one, I understand by Senator Hatch, and the other by Senators GRAMM and DOMENICI would be ready for us to start debating and discussing. We also plan to have another amendment on attorneys' fees, and then what remains, I think we could hopefully get time agreements on the amendments.

As we go through this process, one, we don't have a lot of time left; and, two, we have our up days and our down days. I suggest that all of us try to take and keep a steady stream as we work our way through this important issue.

I thank my friend from Massachusetts for his sincere and very valiant effort to try and maintain the comity on both sides of the aisle. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. Kerry. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader and the minority leader for their efforts, jointly, with